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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

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1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A medical instrument comprising a medical instrument

substrate selected from the group consisting of a stent, a catheter and a medical tube, and a film

including a <u>non-biodegradable</u> resin <u>and an amphiphilic substance</u>, and having a porous structure

formed at least on its surface, the weight ratio of the amount of the non-biodegradable resin to

the amount of the amphiphilic substance being 99:1 to 50:50, the surface of the medical

instrument substrate being entirely or partially covered with the film, wherein the porous

structure of the film is a honeycomb structure, pores of the porous structure of the film have an

average pore size of 0.1 to 20  $\mu$ m, and the thickness of the film is 0.5 to 20  $\mu$ m.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The medical instrument according to claim 11, wherein pores of the

porous structure of the film have a coefficient of variation in pore size of 30% or less.

15. (Original) The medical instrument according to claim 11, wherein the film is a

film or a stretched film obtained by casting a resin organic solvent solution onto a substrate,

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causing the organic solvent to be evaporated and condensed on the surface of the cast solution,

and evaporating minute waterdrops produced by the condensation.

16-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The medical instrument according to claim 11, wherein

the medical instrument substrate is a stent.

21. (Previously Presented) The medical instrument according to claim 20, which is a

digestive system stent.

22. (Previously Presented) The medical instrument according to claim 21, wherein

the digestive system stent is a bile duct stent.

23. (Previously Presented) The medical instrument according to claim 21, wherein

the digestive system stent is covered with a film including a resin and having a porous structure

formed by through-holes with an average pore size of 0.1 to 20 µm and a coefficient of variation

in pore size of 30% or less.

24-25. (Cancelled)

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biodegradable resin is 1,2-polybutadiene.

26. (New) The medical instrument according to claim 11, wherein the non-

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